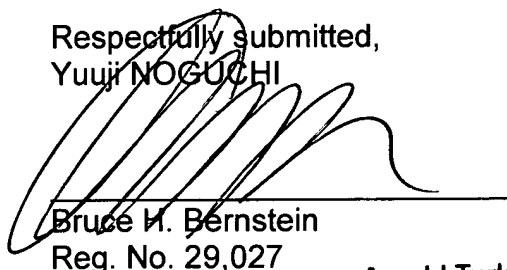
**Remarks**

As discussed with the Examiner during a September 12, 2006 telephone call, by the present amendment the international filing date of the present application is being corrected in the Examiner's Amendment to reflect the actual international filing date of International Application No. PCT/JP004/04061 filed March 24, 2004.

Since the present amendment embodies merely the correction of matter raised in the Examiner Amendment, and the amendment is being filed before the payment of the issue fee, entry of the amendment without withdrawing the application from issue is proper and respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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